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ATTENTION OF :

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**MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION**

**SUBJECT: Army Support Activity - Dix Policy Memorandum #8 - Use of Cell Phones While Driving a Motor Vehicle**

1. This policy memorandum supersedes Installation Command Policy Memorandum #11 - Use of Cell Phones While Driving a Motor Vehicle dated 22 July 2009.
2. **APPLICABILITY:** This policy memorandum is applicable to all military and civilian personnel operating any motor vehicle on Army Support Activity (ASA) – Dix and Devens RFTA.
3. **REFERENCE:** 40 USC 1315-GSA Cell Phone Ban While Driving: DODI 6055.4-DOD Traffic Safety Program.
4. For purposes of this policy memorandum, the following terms are defined:
  - a. “Mobile telephone” shall mean the device used by subscribers and other users of wireless telephone service to access such service.
  - b. “Using” shall mean holding a mobile telephone to, or in the immediate proximity of, the user’s ear.
  - c. “Hands-free mode” shall mean utilizing a mobile telephone that has an internal feature or function, or that is equipped with an attachment or addition, whether or not permanently part of such mobile telephone, by which a user engages in a call without the use of either hand, whether or not the use of either hand is necessary to activate, deactivate or initiate a function of such telephone.
  - d. “Immediate proximity” shall mean that distance as permits the operator of a mobile telephone to hear telecommunications transmitted over such mobile telephone, but shall not require physical contact with such operator’s ear.
5. **POLICY:** The purpose of this policy memorandum is to ban or prohibit the use of cell phones while operating a motor vehicle subject to exceptions set forth below. No military or DoD/DA civilian personnel assigned or attached to ASA – Dix and Devens RFTA shall utilize a cell phone, two-way radio or other telecommunication device while operating a government owned or leased motor vehicle on or off a military installation.

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6. EXCEPTIONS:

a. The use of a mobile telephone for the sole purpose of communicating with any of the following regarding an emergency situation: an emergency response operator; a hospital, physician's office or health clinic; an ambulance company or corps; a fire department; or a police department, or any of the following persons while in the performance of their official duties: a police officer; a member of a fire department, district or company; or the operator of an authorized emergency vehicle.

b. Personnel who pull off the roadway and put their vehicle in the "park" gear may use their cell phone in any mode.

c. Personnel who operate their cell phone in a hands free mode may do so when driving. Headsets covering both ears are not authorized.

7. ENFORCEMENT: Military personnel who violate this policy may be subject to disciplinary action under the UCMJ, adverse administrative action or other federal or state laws. Civilian personnel who violate this policy may be subject to adverse administrative disciplinary actions and or federal or state laws.

  
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